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SA-2 Manning Requirements

1. A SAM regiment is a unit believed to include the personnel (approximately 1,000 men) required for four firing battalions together with necessary logistical and technical support. The organization of a SAM regiment would include a regimental headquarters (about 150 men); four missile launch battalions (140 men each); one SAM support facility (130 men); and attached security unit (one per regiment--150 men).

2. A single SA-2 SAM site is believed manned by a SAM launch or firing battalion of about 140 troops. Such a unit would normally consist of a battalion headquarters, three launch or firing batteries (about 12 men each) and a fire-control battery (about 45 men). [redacted] a typical SA-2 site would also include a battery of conventional AAA weapons. Therefore, an SA-2 SAM battalion with AAA unit would total about 240 officers and enlisted men excluding necessary support personnel.

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3. Each SAM site has a local support facility (including barracks, etc.) At least three, usually four sites are serviced by a central missile support facility.

4. A complex of 24 SA-2 sites such as in Cuba normally would require up to 6,000 troops for the actual firing and support functions. This, however, would not include any personnel involved in the rest of the associated air defense command and control structure (radars, communications, etc.).

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